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THE BIG FRESHET.

More Water in the Streams of Adair County than Ever Before Known

STEEL BRIDGE, PLUM POINT, WASHED AWAY.

A heavy and steady rain commenced to fall here early in the night last Sunday week and the down pour continued, without cessation until Tuesday afternoon about five o'clock.

Russell Creek was two and a half feet higher here than ever before known, and all other water courses in the county, even the smaller ones, were out of banks and spread until they looked like large rivers.

All day Tuesday people were constantly moving from the square to the creek, and many believed that the bridge at this place would not hold out against the turbulent waters. By two o'clock in the afternoon Tuesday the water had reached the bridge, and before night it was running two feet deep through it. It cut across the bridge on both sides, and on the far side much of the current turned, which evidently saved the structure. Wednesday the creek had fallen and buggies, and automobiles and wagons passed over the bridge.

At Plum Point, in this county, the iron bridge, built seven years ago at an expense of five thousand dollars, washed away and lodged on an island a few hundred yards below. It is estimated that it will cost the county one thousand dollars to replace it.

The bridge across Russell's creek, one mile from town, known as the Harris bridge, was in great danger, but it was not moved, but the approach from this side was disturbed and there was a considerable washout.

The bridge at Milltown was chained and saved.

Gradyville that was visited by a flood June 7, 1907, escaped this time. At this point there was no damage to property, but below the town much fencing was washed away.

Green river was higher than ever known. The floor of the bridge was washed out, but it was replaced Thursday. Columbia was shut out from all mails.

It is hard to estimate the damage in the entire county, as many farmers lost their fencing, and we learn that many stacks of hay went with the tide. It is also reported that thousands of staves were lost on Green river.

Cumberland river spread all over creation, and without doubt stave dealers lost heavily. The mails commenced to arrive regularly last Thursday.

The approach at the Burk Ford Bridge was washed out.

Mr. J. N. Coffey, County Road Engineer, says that it will take two thousand dollars to replace the Plum Point bridge and to do the the necessary work at the others.

A Hero in a Lighthouse.

For years J. S. Donahue, So. Haven Mich., a Civil War captain, as a lighthouse keeper, averted awful wrecks, but a queer fact is, he might have been a wreck himself if Electric Bitters had not prevented. "They cured me of kidney trouble and chills," he writes, "after I had taken other so called cures for years, without benefit and they also improved my sight. Now, at seventy, I am feeling fine." For dyspepsia, indigestion, all stomach, liver and kidney troubles, they're without equal. Try them. Only 50c at Paul Drug Co.

Young man there is one thing you cannot do. You cannot make a success in life unless you work. Older men than you have tried it and failed. You cannot loaf around the street corner, smoke, tell stories and sponge on someone else without making a failure of life. You must learn a trade or get into some honest business. If you don't you will become a chronic loafer, and there is no place in the world for loafers. The ripe fruit is at the top of the tree and you must climb if you get it or some smart man will pluck it from you. Do something no matter how small or how low the wages, it will be a starter. Help yourself and others will help you. There is no royal road to success: will, grit and endurance are the qualities that lead to it.

Circuit court will open next Monday.



Capt. Dan Schroer.

He is the State solicitor for the Salvation Army. He arrived in Columbia last Sunday morning, attending Sunday-school and church services and took part in the song service, using his cornet. Monday evening he delivered an address at the court-house. He came to Columbia highly recommended as a gentleman and a zealous Christian worker. He and his co-workers go into the dens of vice and by fervent prayer many are snatched from the brans of the burning. He is soliciting money to aid in the grand work and our people are responding.

Woodrow Would Row.

Serene we stand on Jordan's strand Our Canaan to recover: Though William J. should cause delay Woodrow would row us over.

From Pisgah's height we take our flight, For fragrant fields of clover, Should William J. stand in the way Woodrow would row us over.

When divers try to feast on pie And others stuff on stover Or William J. our progress stay, Woodrow would row us over.

Now Taft or Ted we need not dread, Nor days of good old Grover. Let William J. bring on the fray Woodrow would row us over.

With craft and crew both tried and true, Though storms should rage above her And William J. the Dickens play Woodrow would row us over.

J. T. Jones, Montpelier, Ky.

A Great Business School.

One of the most famous commercial schools in the United States is located in our own State. It is needless to mention the name because Bowling Green Business University is now a household word. Some of our most successful men are the products of that institution. The school is now attended by students from both North and South.

His Stomach Troubles Over.

Mr. Dyspeptic, would you not like to feel that your stomach troubles were over, that you could eat any kind of food you desired without injury? That may seem so unlikely to you that you do not even hope for an ending of your trouble, but permit us to assure you that it is not altogether impossible. If others can be cured permanently, and thousands have been, why not you? John R. Barker, of Battle Creek, Mich., is one of them. He says, "I was troubled with heartburn, indigestion, and liver complaint until I used Chamberlain's Tablets, then my trouble was over." Sold by Paul Drug Co.

Dock Bell, who shot at his wife and was held in the sum of one hundred dollars, made the bond the morning after the trouble and was released from custody. In last week's paper we stated that Mr. Bell and his wife were not living together. That was a mistake. They settled their differences some time ago and were living together when the trouble came.

Next Monday will be the opening of the Adair circuit court. Evidently an immense throng of people will be in town. We urge upon those who know that they are indebted to this office to call and settle.

The roads of the county are fearfully bad at this time.

Flood Notes.

Cumberland river was higher at Burkesville than it had been since 1890. It reached the square. It is reported that stave and lumber dealers lost heavily.

There was no train at Greensburg for several days. The railroad track at one point between Campbellsville and Greensburg, on one stretch, was covered with water, four or five feet deep, extending three miles.

It is reported from Greensburg that Judge W. G. Howell lost thirty hogs and six horses.

A great deal of damage was done on Casey's creek, this county.

A few families at Burkesville had to move out of their homes.

On Butler's Fork, in the southern portion of this county, farmers lost a great deal of fencing.

It is reported that on Casey's creek any number of stacks of hay went with the tide.

The Road Engineer, Mr. J. N. Coffey, will have the bridges in Adair county repaired as quickly as possible. It will require some time to get the Plum Point bridge from the bottom of the river.

The approach to the Milltown bridge was greatly damaged.

Rain and high waters kept people out of Columbia last week. There were but one or two traveling men registered at the hotel and but very few farmers showed up on the square.

At the election of officers of the Citizens National Life Insurance Company, held at Anchorage, last week, Judge T. A. Murrell, of Columbia, was made one of the directors. He was a supporter of Charles D. Pearce, who was re-elected President.

S. M. Burdette will be here next Monday circuit court, to buy mules from 3 to 7 years old, sound. Bring them to Columbia.

S. M. Burdett of Marion county, bought six mules on the market last week. He paid from \$120 to \$170 per head.

Turning Away Positions.

Last week two calls for book-keepers: four or five for stenographers: eight or ten for commercial teachers: about the same number for combined book-keepers and stenographers: and more than twenty for telegraph operators were turned away by the Business University at Bowling Green, because that Institution had exhausted its supply of young men and women who were qualified for places. Our own boys and girls had better take notice.

Change in a Firm.

Mr. Walter McCandless, of Edmon-ton, was here last Monday and purchased Mr. Bruce Taylor's one-half interest in the grocery store which has been conducted under the firm name of Nell & Taylor. Hereafter the firm will be Nell & McCandless. Mr. McCandless has the reputation of being a good citizen and a fine business man popular in his old home town, and he will endeavor to prove to the citizens of Columbia that he is a gentleman worthy of their esteem and confidence. He has a wife and one child and his family will reach Columbia in eight or ten days and will occupy Dr. O. S. Dunbar's residence on Pea Ridge. In retiring Mr. Taylor desires to express his gratitude to all those who supported him in the business, and to commend his successor to the trade.

A little disturbance came up in the county last Sunday between Robt. McWhorter, of color, and a white man named Martin. McWhorter was in a cell, Martin in the corridor. Finally the darkey threw a bottle at Martin, striking him on the arm. The bottle broke, cutting a severe gash. Dr. Miller, the jail physician, was called and dressed the wound.

From all accounts all of our adjoining counties suffered more or less from the recent flood. Green county farmers perhaps suffered the greatest loss in the way of destruction of fencing, washouts and loss of stock. Many of the yeomanry in the territory will be weeks getting their farms in proper condition.

I have a good, five year old mare for sale. John A. Harris, Columbia, Ky.

Kentucky's Tobacco Crop.

Kentucky maintained in 1912 its record of the largest producer of tobacco among the States of the Union. The area of Kentucky land planted in tobacco last year, according to the Bureau of Statistics of the Department of Agriculture, was 441,600 acres as compared with 345,000 in 1911 and 523,000 in 1910. The nearest approach to Kentucky's tobacco acreage last year was 187,000 acres in Virginia. North Carolina ranked third with an acreage of 179,000.

Kentucky's yield per acre in 1912 is given by the Department of Agriculture as 780 pounds, as against 880 pounds in 1911 and 810 in 1910. The total yield of the State, therefore, is computed at 344,980,000 pounds in 1912 as against 303,900,000 in 1911 and 427,250,000 in 1910. Virginia was second among the States in production of tobacco as well as acreage, yielding last year 112,200,000 pound North Carolina's output was 110,980,000 pounds. No other State produced more than 80,000,000 pounds.

The average price paid farmers in Kentucky for tobacco December 1, 1912, is estimated by the Department of Agriculture at 8.7c per pound and on this basis the value of the crop is computed at \$29,925,000. This compares with an average price of 7.7c per pound a year before and a total valuation of \$23,377,000 and an average price of 8.4c per pound in December, 1910, and a total valuation that year of \$36,997,000.

The following prepared by the Department of Agriculture, gives the area, yield per acre production and value of tobacco by types and districts in the Burley belt and the Kentucky-Tennessee dark belt for 1911:

Burley 228,000 acres, 196,080,000 pounds, 11.0 cents.

Kentucky and Tennessee dark: Paducah 100,000 acres, 62,000,000 6.2 cents.

Henderson or stemming 105,000 acres 81,000,000 pounds 7.0 cents

Upper Green River 36,000 acres, 26,280,000 pounds, 6.5 cents.

Upper Cumberland 23,000 acres, 16,560,000 pounds, 6.5 cents.

Clarksville and Hopkinsville 120,000 acres, 79,200,000 pounds, 7.8 cents.

On the above basis the total value of the 1912 tobacco crop in the Burley belt is \$21,568,800; that in the district \$3,844,000; in the Henderson district \$5,880,000; that in the Upper Green River district \$1,708,000; that in the Upper Cumberland district \$1,708,000 and that in the Clarksville and Hopkinsville district 1,066,000.

You Must Sign Your Name.

It is a well established rule of all newspapers to not publish unsigned communications, it matters not how trivial the subject, and The News is no exception to that rule. We positively will not publish any article sent us unless the sender's name be signed. The name is only wanted as an evidence of good faith and is not intended for publication, so if you send us only a personal, sign your name. We have had several communications of late without name being signed to them and we have omitted to print on the above account.

I have fifteen head of sheep for sale. Ewes, 11-12. Sel Bennett.

Mr. W. I. Ingram was in the eastern portion of the county last Saturday. He states that the big freshet did not do much damage on Casey's Creek, but farmers along Green river lost heavily in the way of the destruction of fencing and the washing away of hay. He says the whole of the Plum Point bridge dropped into the river and lodged about one hundred yards below the starting point. He says it will require much expense and work to replace it.

Take Notice.

All accounts owing Miller & Miller and A. A. Miller not settled by February 1st, will be placed in the hands of an officer.

A. A. Miller.

Free Catalog.

The new yearly catalog of the Bowling Green Business University is now ready for distribution and is sent free to any one requesting it.

A great many tax-payers have been before the Board of Supervisors and others will be summoned. Up to now there have been but few raises, the board going by the last list which was considered liberal.

Should Keep Name in Paper.

No business man in any town should allow a newspaper published in his town to go without his name mentioned somewhere in its columns. This applies to all kinds of business—general store, dry goods store, groceries, furniture dealers, professional men, and in fact all classes of business men. This does not mean that you should have a whole or half or even a quarter page ad in every issue of the paper but your name and business should be mentioned if you do not use more than a two line space. A stranger picking up a newspaper should be able to tell just what business is represented in a town by looking at the business mentioned in the paper. This is the best possible town advertising. The man who does not advertise his business does an injustice to himself and his town. He is the man who expects the paper to do most of the boosting for his town. The man who insists on sharing the business that comes to a town but refuses to advertise his business is not doing his share of the boosting. The life of any town depends up on the live, wideawake and liberal business men in it.—Corydon Republican.

Shippers Take Notice.

Quite a sprinkling of mast-fed hogs have been coming to this market, more than ever before so early in the season; the crop is abundant and there is trouble ahead for the swineherd. Shippers must be honest with their commission men, and above all things avoid buying hogs for this market that are mast-fed, or that have had ANY mast. If shippers buy hogs that are mast fed, or even questionable, it will be to their advantage to advise their commission men just what character of hogs they are. The buyers will shortly refuse to buy any hogs that are not guaranteed, and in the event guaranteed hogs kill soft, a reduction of 3c per pound will be made, and if a commission firm knows that hogs are questionable they can doubtless sell these hogs to speculators as mast, or questionable hogs with a smaller discount.—Louisville Stock Journal.

Since the parcels post went into effect the mail order houses have doubled their efforts to get business. People at home should trade with home merchants, but the home merchants should let the public know what they have in stock. They have the medium at hand and if they would keep their prices constantly before the people, mail order houses would not be so busy. There is not a doubt the purchaser can get better bargains with their home merchants, but the home merchants must make their business known. Our advice is trade at home and with the business men who invite you.

No mail was received here last week from Monday until Thursday night at 7 o'clock. On that evening thirty sacks arrived. Postmaster Coffey and his two deputies, J. M. Russell and L. W. Staples rolled up their sleeves and dived into the task. By 9 o'clock the post office window was thrown open and the patrons of the office were receiving their mail. That was going some, and we venture the assertion that quicker service has not been reported from other offices whose business were disturbed by the flood.

Foxes Wanted.

Grey Foxes \$2.50, Red Foxes \$5.00; Minks \$6.00 to \$8.00 each; Coons \$1.25, and express. Send name of your express office in first letter.

W. T. Hodgen, Box 232 Campbellsville, Ky.

Mrs. Margaret Taylor Thomas, a very excellent lady, well known in Columbia, where she has many friends, has announced in the local paper her candidacy for school superintendent of Wayne county, subject to the action of the Democratic party. Her qualifications are first-class, and in the light for the nomination, she will have the best wishes of her Adair county friends.

For Sale.

A tract of land, 40 acres, 2 1/2 miles from Columbia, Ky., Address F. C. Brase, Cairo, Ill., R. 3F. D. 1

Marriage License.

The following marriage licenses were issued from the Russell county clerk's office during the month of Dec. 1912. Daniel J. Roy to Miss Jennie Tarter.

Luther George to Miss Olga Blankenship.

Eliza L. Wilson to Miss Sarah A. Whittle.

Herbert Barger to Miss Dora Conover.

D. C. Bryant to Miss Annie L. Cravens.

Lilburn E. Womack to Miss Golitha W. Scales.

John C. Gaskins to Miss Ada P. Starns.

Elijah Kelley to Miss Nancy L. Helm.

Leo Crege to Miss Vertie Malone.

Charlie E. Foley to Miss Lou E. Womack.

Luther B. Gosser to Miss Ella A. Hatfield.

Fred Lawless to Miss Verdine Higginbotham.

The Road Question.

Dear Editor:—Your editorial in the News of Dec. 25, 1912, looks good to a man riding a high horse, but why should you, as a leading man of your county, charge our forefathers of being stingy old fogies, the very people that give the principal part of the support to the Adair County News.

Now, we in this district, are advocates of good roads, but 9 to 1 are strictly opposed to bonding the county under any and all circumstances.

Issue bonds, build roads, build roads and issue bonds, and bankrupt the county in a very few years. We would be in the shape that our sister county of Taylor is in at this time. You say many will oppose every move that means expense. It is impossible to change their minds. No appeals will reach them, no emergencies can stir their souls from away back in the 70's. There were a few men in Taylor riding high horses that had the same opinion, but to-day most any old thing can change their minds. Any appeal will reach them, any emergency will stir their souls. So it would be with Adair if our magistrate should vote to bond the county to build roads.

It would be the last term he would be permitted to occupy a seat in the Fiscal court. So we will say to prospective candidates, lock well to your own interests as well as to the county interests. We have a road tax of 12c on each \$100 worth of taxable property, which is sufficient to build culverts on all our county roads if properly expended, yet we cannot get lumber to build our culverts which are too dangerous to be safe to the traveling public. We have a new road law and what does it amount to? Our engineer passes over the roads once in 12 months, appoints assistants. They are promised sufficient pay to keep them mum, and the Engineer draws the salary.

In Ruder and cruder times highway-men held up travelers and took their pocket money. Nowadays highway robbery is conducted more successfully and with less personal risk. All of the tax payers are held up simultaneously and continuously by taxation whose methods are as far ahead of those of old times as the lightning express is ahead of the stage coach.

A. C. Wheeler, Knifley, Ky.

Edwin Cravens and Jo. M. Rosenfield, while en route to Russell Springs, last Friday, met with an accident just beyond the ford, near the farm of Mr. Solomon Royle. Russell's creek had been unusually high, and just beyond the crossing they drove into what proved a washout. The horse went clear under the water and it was with great difficulty that he was released from the buggy. Both the young men got wet and had to drive to Russell Springs before they could get a change of clothing.

All notes and accounts are now due and I need the money. Please come settle at once. It will save you a dun or statement.

W. L. Walker.

On the Commonwealth Docket for the coming January Term of the Adair Circuit Court, are twelve Felonies and one hundred misdemeanors before the court, and on the Civil Docket, are twenty eight appearance suits, divided as follows, seventeen Equity and eleven Common Law actions.

If you know of lawlessness going on in the county make it a point to go before the grand jury which will be in session next week.